

#### REMARKS

The claims have been amended to more clearly define the invention as disclosed in the written description. In particular, claim 8 has been cancelled, while claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of cancelled claim 8. In addition, the claims have been amended for clarity.


Applicant believes that the above changes answer the Examiner's objection to claim 1, and respectfully requests withdrawal thereof.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-7 and 9-13 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. patent 4,520,346 to Shimada in view of U.S. Patent 6,486,804 to Coene (corresponding to U.S. Patent Publication No. 2001/0040518). Applicant acknowledges that the Examiner has found claim 8 allowable over the prior art of record.

In view of the above changes, Applicant believes that the Examiner's 35 U.S.C. 103(a) rejection of the claims has been overcome.

Applicant believes that this application, containing claims 1-7 and 9-13, is now in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested.

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IN THE DRAWINGS

Applicant proposes to label the blocks in Figs. 1, 4, 8 and 10 in accordance with the accompanying ANNOTATED SHEETS SHOWING CHANGES. Also enclosed are REPLACEMENT SHEETS incorporating these changes.

ANNOTATED SHEET SHOWING CHANGES

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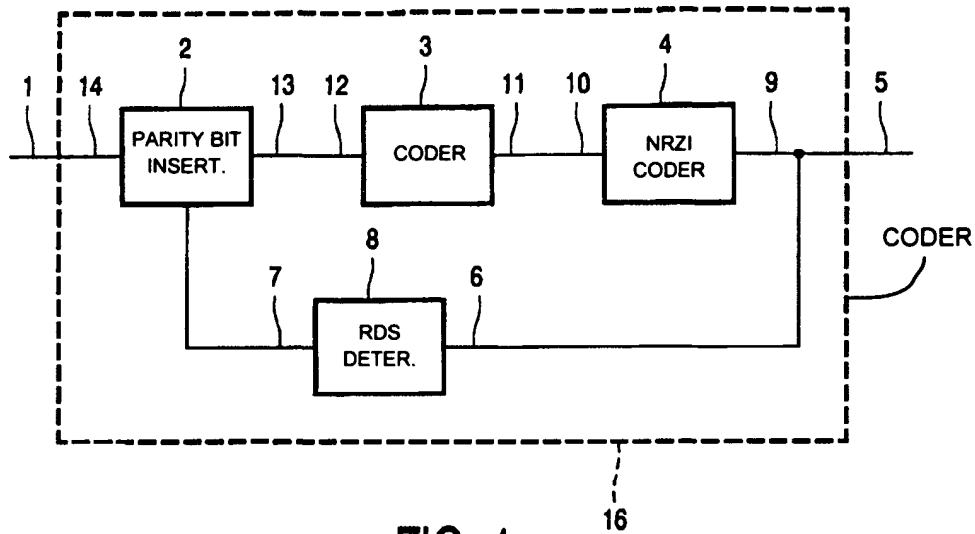


FIG. 1

PRIOR ART

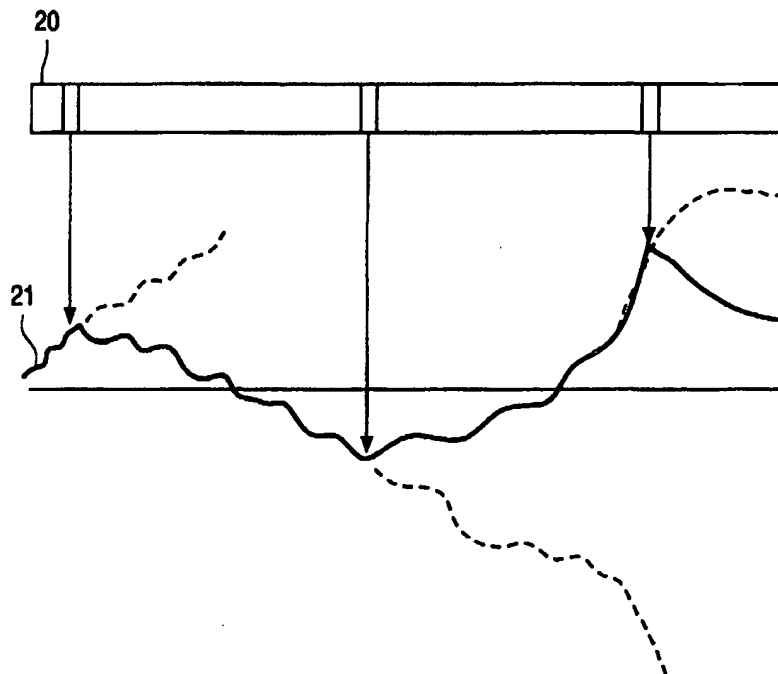


FIG. 2

# ANNOTATED SHEET SHOWING CHANGES

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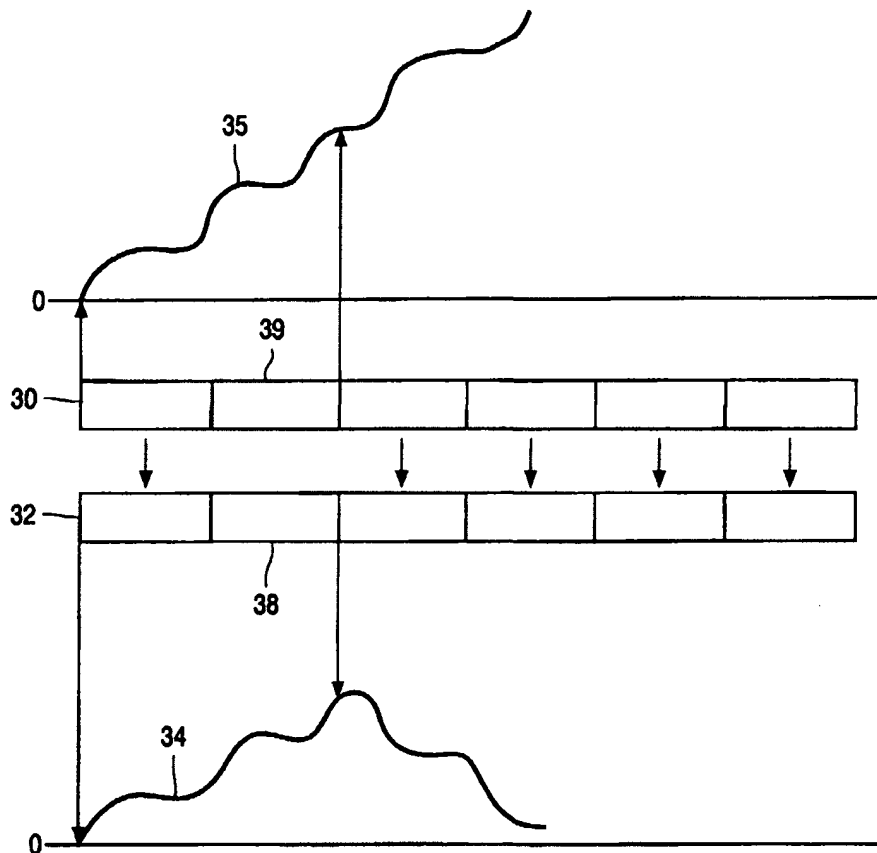


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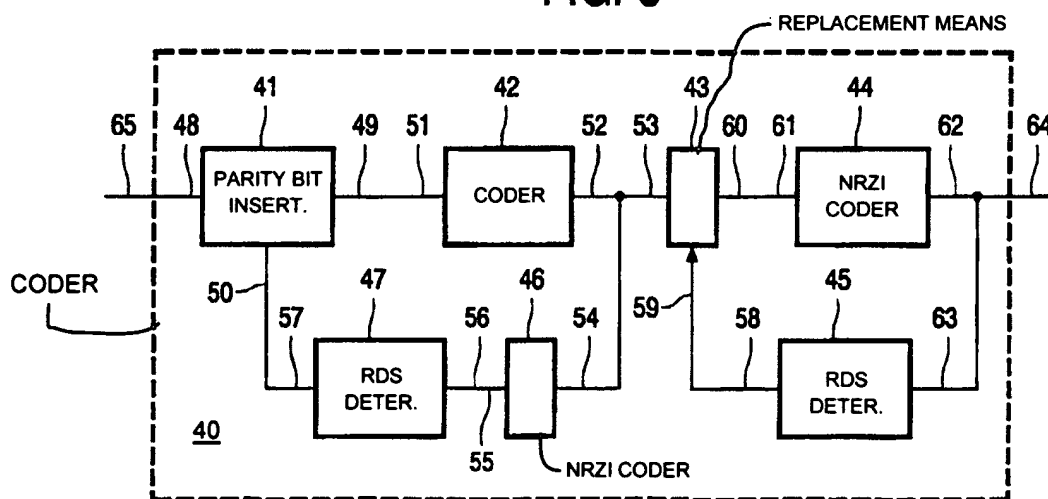


FIG. 4

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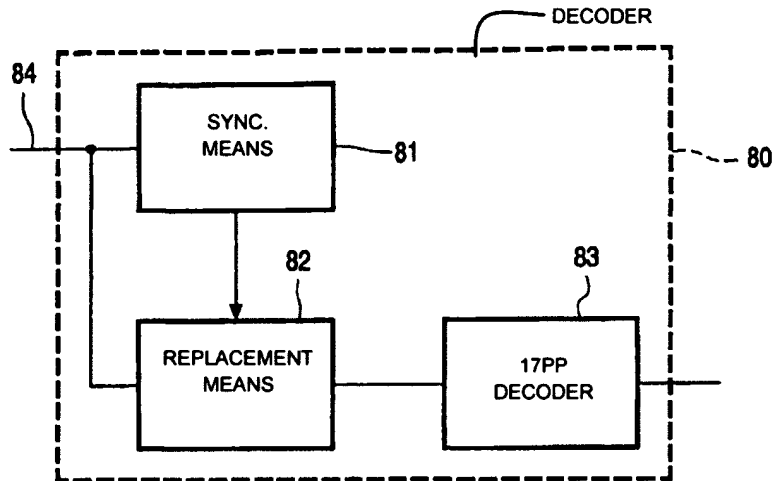


FIG. 8

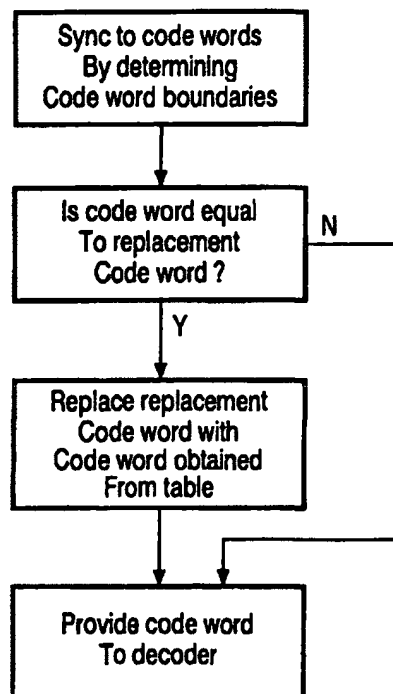


FIG. 9

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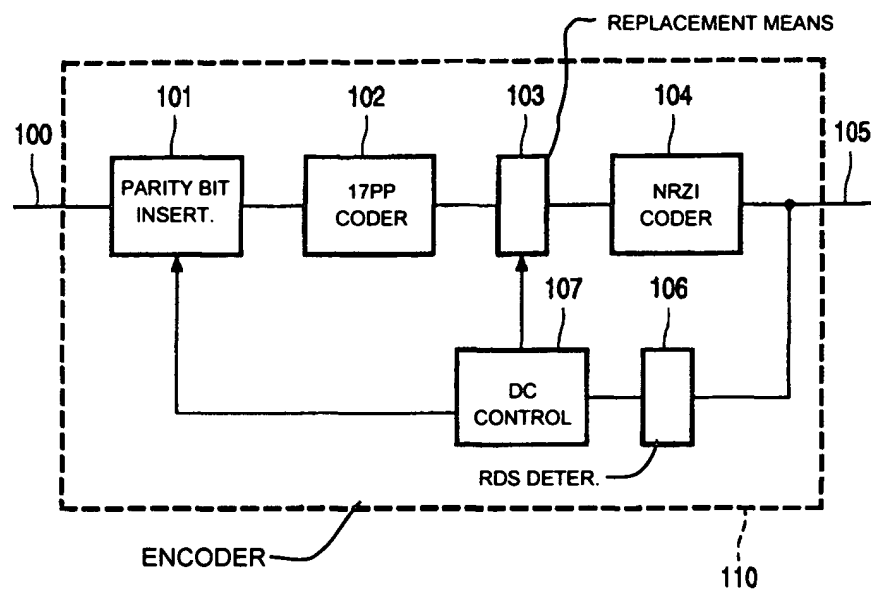


FIG. 10

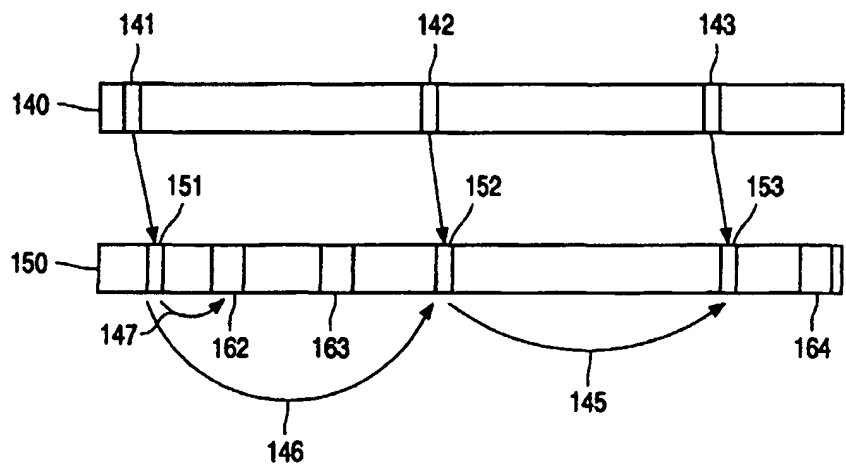


FIG. 11